

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1 – 22 (Canceled)

23. (New) A dishwasher comprising:

a frontal frame adapted to be positioned upon a supporting surface;

a tub including bottom, opposing side, rear and top walls that collectively define a washing chamber, the tub also including a front opening leading into the washing chamber, while being supported by the frontal frame;

a door having a bottom portion, the door being pivotally mounted relative to the frontal frame for selectively sealing the front opening of the tub; and

a sound tray extending across the frontal frame below the bottom portion of the door, the sound tray having a first edge portion pivotally mounted to the bottom portion of the door such that the sound tray pivots relative to the door when the door is opened.

24. (New) The dishwasher according to claim 23, further comprising a hinge unit interconnecting the sound tray with the door.

25. (New) The dishwasher according to claim 23, wherein the sound tray is substantially L-shaped in cross-section.

26. (New) The dishwasher according to claim 25, wherein the sound tray includes a horizontally extending portion leading from the first edge portion to a vertical portion extending substantially perpendicularly from the horizontally extending portion.

27. (New) The dishwasher according to claim 23, further comprising a control mechanism interconnected to the door, and an actuating member interconnected between the sound tray and the control mechanism.

28. (New) The dishwasher according to claim 27, wherein the control mechanism includes a cable, the actuating member having a first end pivotally attached to the sound tray and a second end attached to the cable.

29. (New) The dishwasher according to claim 28, wherein the cable has a first end attached through a spring to the side wall of the tub and a second end attached to the door.

30. (New) The dishwasher according to claim 29, further comprising a pulley located intermediate the first and second ends of the cable.

31. (New) The dishwasher according to claim 30, wherein opening the door pulls the cable over the pulley.

32. (New) The dishwasher according to claim 31, wherein pulling the cable over the pulley causes the actuating member to move the sound tray downward.

33. (New) A dishwasher comprising:

- a frontal frame adapted to be positioned upon a supporting surface;

- a tub including bottom, opposing side, rear and top walls that collectively define a washing chamber, the tub also including a front opening leading into the washing chamber being supported by the frontal frame;

- a door having a bottom portion, the door being pivotally mounted relative to the tub for selectively sealing the front opening of the tub; and

- a sound tray extending substantially horizontally from below the bottom portion of the door, the sound tray having a first edge portion pivotally mounted to the bottom portion of the door such that the sound tray pivots relative to the door when the door is opened.

34. (New) The dishwasher according to claim 33, further comprising a hinge unit interconnecting the sound tray with the door.

35. (New) The dishwasher according to claim 33, wherein the sound tray is substantially L-shaped in cross-section.

36. (New) The dishwasher according to claim 35, wherein the sound tray includes a horizontally extending portion leading from the first edge portion to a vertical portion extending substantially perpendicularly from the horizontally extending portion.

37. (New) The dishwasher according to claim 33, further comprising a control mechanism interconnected to the door, and an actuating member interconnected between the sound tray and the control mechanism.

38. (New) The dishwasher according to claim 37, wherein the control mechanism includes a cable, the actuating member having a first end pivotally attached to the sound tray and a second end attached to the cable.

39. (New) The dishwasher according to claim 38, wherein the cable has a first end attached through a spring to the side wall of the tub and a second end attached to the door.

40. (New) The dishwasher according to claim 39, further comprising a pulley located intermediate the first and second ends of the cable.

41. (New) The dishwasher according to claim 40, wherein opening the door pulls the cable over the pulley.

42. (New) The dishwasher according to claim 41, wherein pulling the cable over the pulley causes the actuating member to move the sound tray downward.

43. (New) A dishwasher comprising:

a frontal frame adapted to be positioned upon a supporting surface;

a tub including bottom, opposing side, rear and top walls that collectively define a washing chamber, the tub also including a front opening leading into the washing chamber, while being supported by the frontal frame;

a door having a bottom portion, the door being pivotally mounted relative to the frontal frame for selectively sealing the front opening of the tub; and

a sound tray extending rearwardly from the bottom portion of the door and between a first upstanding side portion and a second upstanding side portion of the frontal frame, the

sound tray having a first edge portion pivotally mounted to the bottom portion of the door such that the sound tray pivots relative to the door when the door is opened.

44. (New) The dishwasher according to claim 43, further comprising a control mechanism interconnected to the door, and an actuating member interconnected between the sound tray and the control mechanism.